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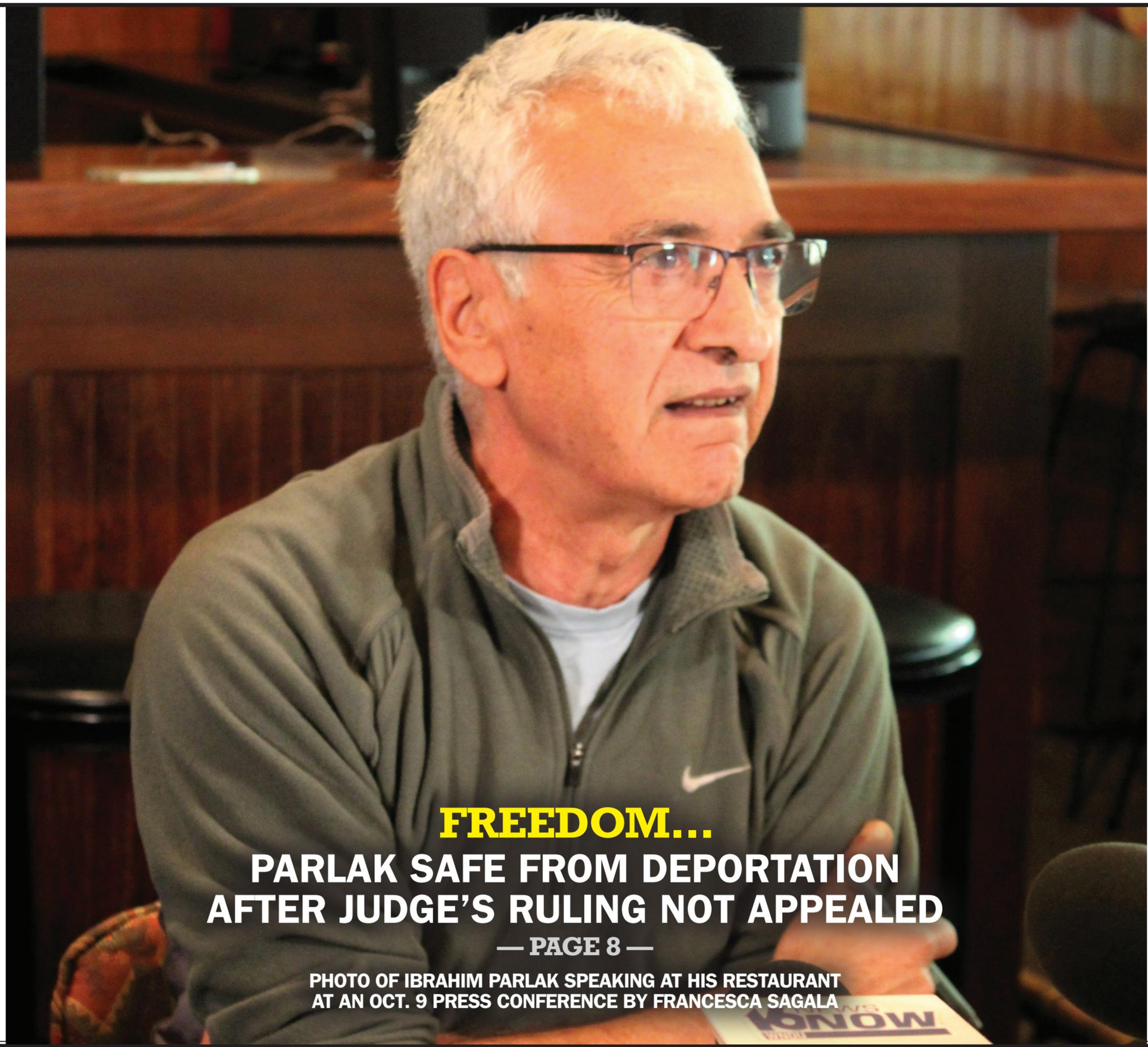

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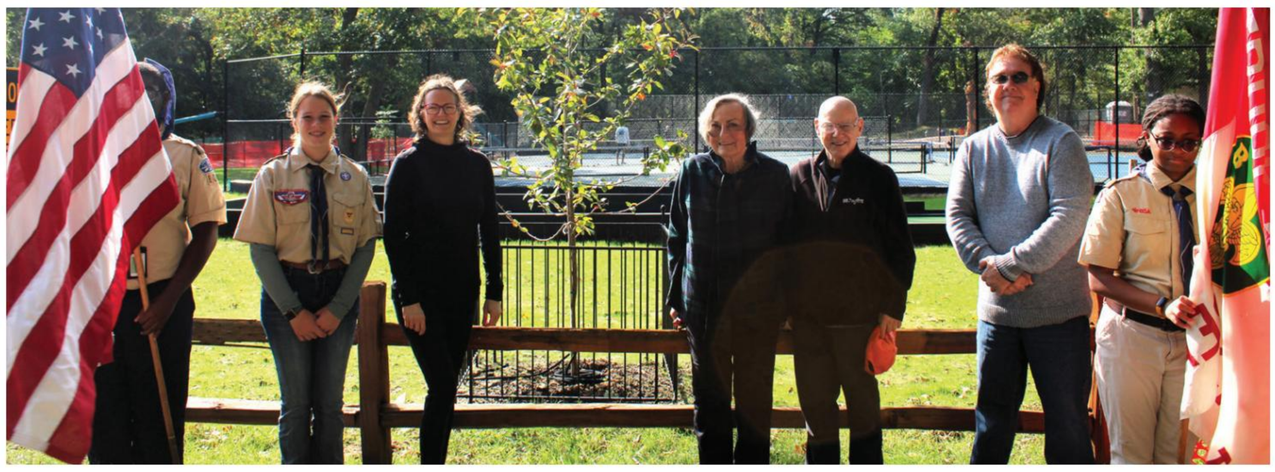
Members of the Boy Scout Troop 802 and Girl Scout Troop 8022 with Anne Blasko, Rima Binder, Andrew Aronson and Timothy McCarthy stand by the Black Gum and Tupelo tree



Village of Michiana Council President Timothy McCarthy (right) speaks while Anne Blasko, tree board member, looks on

Village of Michiana celebrates Arbor Day Foundation

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

The Village of Michiana celebrated receiving an addition to its healthy tree population during a ceremony for the Arbor Day Foundation at Forest McCance Park Saturday, Oct. 5.

The ceremony took place in front of a recently planted Black Gum/Tupelo, a native tree that has medium growth speed and a mature height of 30-40 feet and spread of 20-30 feet, in the park.

Kits to plant a Red Maple Tree, with proceeds funding the village's ongoing tree conservation efforts, were being sold. The kits were provided by Tree Nation, with a tree being planted to reforest Tanzania for every tree that's sold and that was bought through the village.

Village of Michiana Council President Timothy McCarthy read the Arbor Day Tree Proclamation and Declaration, which proclaimed Oct. 5 as Arbor Day in the village.

Last year, McCarthy said the village received its certification as a Tree City USA.

Two years ago, the village began taking inventory of all its trees within its easements.

"It's a big enough sampling that it lets you know what's happening throughout the rest of the forest," McCarthy said.

Anne Blasko, a member of the village's tree board, said it was learned through the inventory that the village has too many oaks.

"If there are diseases in the future you want a diverse forest, which is what we're working towards now," she said.

Members of the tree board plant different trees as well as trim them and take out dead or dangerous trees.

Blasko added that board members are continuing the care and education portion of the village's Urban Forestry Plan, which was launched this spring, and is seeking volunteers for projects and fundraising.

Tree Commissioner Nancy Thill led the effort for the village to become a Tree City.

"She spent years with the Long Beach Women's Garden Club - she loved what was happening with all that and she wanted to bring more of it into Michiana," McCarthy said.

He added that McCance Park has recently been hydroseeded, with plans to possibly have one edge of the park lined with different types of trees. Councilmember Mike Mumper is heading the effort to implement monthly "Concerts on the Green" starting in May at the park, which features a playground and pickleball court.

Rima Binder, who's president of the board for Friendship Botanic Gardens in neighboring Michigan City, said that most trees at the gardens date back to before 1936.

The gardens are replete with the Tulip Tree, which is native to Indiana.

"Here in Indiana, 85 percent of land here was covered by trees - today, it's 19 percent," she said.

Many of the trees, such as the native Black Walnut, White Oak and Red Oak, were cut down by people who needed money and wanted to create businesses.

The gardens hold yoga every Thursday morning.

"Exercising in the gardens shows us that it reduces stress, lowers blood pressure and, again, if you do yoga outside around trees you're going to find sustenance for your body," Binder said.

Blasko serves as treasurer of Michiana Day Camp, where she helps with the programming and education of young campers every summer.

Last year, campers went on nature walks with their art teacher and did drawings, which were auctioned off for money for preservation.

"The year before that we talked about the Oriental bittersweet, which is an invasive species and educated the kids, so that the kids could go home and say, 'We need to get rid of Oriental bittersweet,'" Blasko said.

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Berrien County Health Department equips parents with resources to help combat prescription drug misuse

Nearly one in eight Michigan high schoolers have misused a prescription pain reliever in their lifetime, according to the Youth Behavioral Risk Survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

As the national conversation around prescription drug misuse continues, the Berrien County Health Department and Voice.Change.Hope. Alliance are raising awareness locally by providing resources for parents and caregivers about the risks of prescription drug misuse.

Prescription drug misuse is defined as using prescription medications in a way not intended by the prescribing physician. This could include someone other than the prescribed patient using a medication or taking a medication differently than prescribed, such as injecting a medication that is meant to be taken as a pill.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 44.9% of people who misused prescription drugs obtained them from a friend or family member – highlighting the importance of parents and caregivers leading these conversations with teens. Nationally, 8.7 million people have misused prescription pain relievers in the past year.

"When misused, prescription drugs – most notably pain relievers – pose concerning risks to the health of teens and can lead to addiction," said Lisa Peeples-Hurst, BCHD's public health promotion and prevention supervisor. "In light of the ongoing impact of the opioid crisis across the U.S. and in Berrien County, we aim to inform community members about prescription drug misuse and ways they can talk with teens to prevent it."

Steps that you can take to help prevent prescription drug misuse include:

- Properly disposing of unused and expired prescription medication. A list of safe disposal site throughout Berrien County can be found at www.berriencounty.org/533/medical-waste.
- Talking with loved ones about safe prescription drug use. To find talking tips for any age, visit www.talksooner.org/talking-tips.
- Modeling a healthy relationship with prescription medication by taking medication only as prescribed.

For more information about preventing prescription drug abuse and local resources, visit www.berriencounty.org/1821/rx-drug-abuse-prevention. — STAFF REPORTS

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those who do not see.
— Leonardo da Vinci

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Thank you to everyone who signed up for the race. And last but not least, thank to our amazing firefighters for putting on this great event and thank you for all you do to keep us safe! Looking forward to the 2025 Fired Up 5K!!

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Woes continue for Raiders in football

BY STAN MADDUX

The Red Arrow Raiders, with their starting quarterback out with an injury, stayed within striking distance but couldn't score again in the fourth quarter in a 28-20 loss Friday, Oct. 4, at Lee High School in Wyoming.

Head Coach Matt Johnson said the outcome was dictated by what has plagued his team in every game, injuries to key starters and lack of execution by inexperienced, still learning players.

"That's the story of our season," he said.

Senior quarterback Ethan Lijewski was unable to play because of a concussion suffered on a hard tackle late in the fourth quarter the previous week against Twin City.

Freshman Colton Lijewski took the snaps but the offense struggled to move the ball for much of the game.

The first two touchdowns for the Raiders were scored by the defense.

Trevor James intercepted a deflected pass and ran the ball 10 yards into the end zone.

M'Nason Smothers ran nine yards across the goal line after recovering a fumble.

The Raiders (1-5) trailed by just two points at halftime.

Lee scored the first touchdown of the second half but the Raiders later came back on a short pass from Lijewski to senior Kyran Collis, who after the catch ran the ball 58 yards into the end zone.

The Raiders trailing by eight points late in the third quarter moved no closer than 20 yards or so from the end zone the rest of the way.

"We did some good things but we just didn't execute very well," Johnson said.

Johnson said senior David Nicely saw playing time again on the offensive and defensive lines but he's still not at full strength after an early season knee injury.

He said Nicely along with junior Lucas Forker were key factors in stopping Lee from gaining much yardage on the ground.

Lee moved the ball mostly on big gains on passing plays.

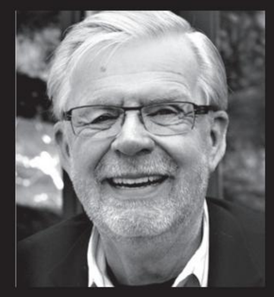
Johnson said Lijewski could return as the starting quarterback Friday at home in New Buffalo against NorthPointe Christian.

"He should be back if things go well in his recovery," he said.

Learning never exhausts the mind.
— Leonardo da Vinci

From the Bleachers

COLUMN BY KURT MARGGRAF IN CHICAGO



Tonight, we're going to try something different.

My son, who lives in Minnesota, was in Chicago Sunday and we watched the Bears game together. Together, we will attempt to recreate some of the thoughts and dialogue that transpired.

Dad :The game began with Chubba Hubbard breaking into the clear and rumbling 38 yards for a touchdown. Immediately, I thought that we were in trouble and said to my son that it might be a long afternoon.

Son: I was pretty worn out after a long weekend in Michigan with my High School buddies and thought I'd end up getting a nap in if the Bears pulled a "Bears" game. But then Caleb and DJ connected and I had that weird feeling that Bears and Cubs fans get to have for the starts of our seasons….Hope.

Dad : Usually, I'm the optimist, but I was beginning to doubt my gut feeling that the Bears were going to be good this year. They were competitive in all four of their previous games but they couldn't allow the Panthers to beat them. Then the offense began to click and my sons "hope" started to come my way.

Son: Caleb had his second 300+ yard game and the Bears won a game they were supposed to win in a decided fashion. By the end of the first half it was apparent the game was going our way and I just got to enjoy the Bears playing good football with my Dad. Even in my hungover and tired state, it was easy to enjoy the day….Great weather, good quarterback play, even more hope, and a day watching football with my Dad, it was a pretty sweet Sunday.

Dad: Indeed it was. While we often text each other during Bears games, there's nothing like actually being together. Charly (my son) is still a big Bears fan even though he moved to the land of the Vikings 21 years ago. I can sheepishly say that he has passed the "Bears gene" he inherited from me to his entire family. Proudly saying that is in the near future.

Right before the regular season started, the Bears coaches and front office talked about how the team was coming together, like a family. So far each week the team has improved. The offense that looked inept just a few weeks ago, is beginning to look like the fans hoped they would. Make no mistake, the road to the playoffs is a bumpy one. Every week won't be as smooth as this week was, but I'm pretty sure that by the end of the season, our offense is going to be more than respectable. The defense has been outstanding all year long. Can you tell I'm getting excited again. Hope is back this season for the Bears.

Maya Angelou said, "Have enough courage to trust love one more time and always one more time."

Be kind. Talk to you next week. Peace, love, and happiness.

Lady Bison continue to roll in volleyball

BY STAN MADDUX

Everyone seems to have played a role in the success of this year's New Buffalo High School girls' volleyball team, which easily defeated Eau Claire at home Wednesday during senior night.

Stepping up in a big way to fill a major gap from the unexpected losses of two starters from last year's squad is senior Josie Humphrey, who led the Lady Bison on offense with 10 kills against the Beavers.

She's taken full advantage of the opportunity to become a full time player after mostly coming off the bench in previous seasons.

"It's nice being given that chance," said Humphrey, who's also one of the leaders on the team in points on serves not successfully returned by the opposition.

The Lady Bison improved to 20-9-1, a record better, so far, than last year's very competitive team.

Humphrey and senior Riley Tertel credited some of the improvement on team chemistry.

"We're kind of meshing more than we ever have," Humphrey said.

Tertel said there's also a more positive attitude to help rebound from difficult moments during a match.

"We're all kind of communicating better and not getting frustrated and shutting down which happened last year," Tertel said.

Tertel also stepped up in a major way. She took over as the team's setter, a position she last played several years ago during club volleyball in the off season.

Not only did Tertel have 21 assists against the Beavers, she had seven kills and three unreturned serves.

Benita Puskinigus and Cassidy Saunders each had five kills and two aces on serves for the Lady Bison, who were led on defense by Meagan Fatter and Saunders with nine and eight digs respectively.

Puskinigus recorded five blocked shots.

Currently, the Lady Bison are in third place in their very competitive division of the Berrien Cass St. Joseph Conference.

In second place is Michigan Lutheran, which New Buffalo has defeated this season.

On top of the division is state ranked Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School, whose only loss was to Mendon, another highly state ranked team.

New Buffalo was recently swept in three sets by the Lakers in a pretty competitive match.

Tertel said she believes the team can defeat the Lakers if they meet in the conference tournament or District 4 tournament.

"I definitely think we'll have the opportunity if we're all on," she said.

Parlak safe from deportation after judge's ruling not appealed

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

A southwest Michigan restaurateur is celebrating a victory over a 20-year-long deportation fight after the federal government let the deadline to appeal a judge's ruling, which allows him to remain safely in the United States, pass.

At a Wednesday, Oct. 9, press conference at Ibrahim Parlak's restaurant, Cafe Gulistan, in Harbert, attorney Robert Carpenter said that, in 2018, Immigration Judge Kathryn DeAngelis, sitting in the Detroit, Michigan, immigration court, granted Parlak's application for Convention Against Torture (CAT).

"She found it was more likely than not that if he was returned to Turkey, Turkey would torture him," Carpenter said.

He added that that decision was "sent back because of deficiencies with the record."

"When it was sent back for those reasons, the Board of Immigration Appeals also noted that six years had passed and perhaps things were better in Turkey and those country conditions should be addressed," Carpenter said.

Carpenter said that they "addressed those country conditions" in May of this year in front of DeAngelis.

On Sept. 4, DeAngelis again granted Parlak CAT relief.

This time, though, the United States Government didn't file an appeal within 30 days, which made it a final decision.

"So this is a final grant of Convention Against Torture relief," Carpenter said.

He added that it "also marks the first time we have a final order acknowledging that Ibrahim was tortured by the government of Turkey – and that is very significant."

Carpenter said that, in DeAngelis' decision, it was noted that current conditions in Turkey have "degraded."

"It's now the fifth largest drop in democracy and freedom in the world in the last 10 years - she made a specific note that Kurds are treated worse than they were treated in 2018," he said.

Robert Carpenter, Ibrahim Parlak and John Smietanka speak at Cafe Gulistan on Oct. 9

Parlak, who has owned Cafe Gulistan since 1994, recalled the times he came close to being deported to Turkey, such as right before Christmas in 2015. In 2007, the federal government had deported his brother to Turkey.

"So someone who has experienced that so many times – close enough- that's a big relief, that's a big change from where you are to today - and I'm grateful for that," he said.

He thanked Carpenter, John Smietanka, all his lawyers, late state Sen. Carl Levin, U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg and U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky.

He also thanked the community, which has given "bipartisan support" to him and his family.

"We somehow managed to survive - we couldn't have done it without the circle around us," he said.

Carpenter said he feels the evidence they offered was "overwhelming" with regards to why the federal government decided not to contest the country's conditions.

"There was no evidence to the contrary because no evidence to the contrary exists…Things have gotten worse, so I think it was more of an acknowledgement of the country conditions than anything," he said.

Smietanka, one of the original attorneys who was part of a team of attorneys who volunteered to help Parlak, said that Parlak is "persistent."

"He has persistently loved his community and loved this country and loved people he never saw, helped out people who were in need around this area…Finally, maybe, the government realized that was the case and now said enough was enough - we hope," he said.

According to the Friends of Ibrahim group's website, Parlak was active in his youth in the Kurdish human rights movement in Turkey and Europe. He returned to Turkey after being abroad for several years, where he "was arrested, tortured, charged with the crime of separatism and sentenced to death." After being released for medical reasons, he came to the U.S. seeking asylum.

After being granted asylum in 1992, it was revoked when he applied for citizenship in the early 2000s due to a cited "supposed link to the separatist organization, Kurdistan Workers Party," Friends of Ibrahim states.

In July 2004, Parlak was arrested and detained for 10 months at the Calhoun County Jail in Battle Creek. After his case was heard in the immigration court, Judge Avern Cohn ordered his release on a "writ of habeas corpus" in 2005.

Since 2005, Parlak had been protected from deportation by the introduction of a Private Bill by Michigan Sen. Carl Levin and Rep. Fred Upton at the beginning of each new Congress, the Friends of Ibrahim Group website states.

Carpenter said the "underlying order from 2004 still exists."

"Having found, finally, that he was tortured I think changes the entire complexion of the situation so perhaps the government, within its guidance, would see fit to reopen the underlying case so that he (Parlak) can seek permanent residence," he said.

Parlak said he passed the United States Citizen's Test in 1999.

With regards to potentially pursuing citizenship, Parlak said that he plans to "go all the way."

"I passed that exam and I'm still going to raise my hand…I'm still looking for that day," he said.

Goldberry Woods' dream dinner finally blooms

HARVEST HOMECOMING

Goldberry Woods in Union Pier celebrated another milestone in the 2024 harvest season with its inaugural plated Farm-to-Table Harvest Dinner, which culminated 13 years of vision and dedication from owners Julie and Eric Haberichter.

Guests gathered in the picturesque Pine Grove, which was surrounded by twinkling lights and lush greenery, Friday, Oct. 4, to savor a meticulously crafted, seasonal menu. The majority of ingredients, which showcased the best of local flavors and sustainable practices, were harvested from Julie and Eric's own garden.

A couple who drove in from Chicago shared, "This farm is magic. Everywhere you look there is something new to discover and experience. A little slice of perfection where you can see the stars."

The nearly sold out event highlighted Goldberry Woods' commitment to farm fresh ingredients, sustainable practices, exceptional hospitality and community building.

Guests who stayed for the first time at the inn said, "It was the perfect weekend getaway. We also got to experience the harvest dinner, which was amazing, the setting, the amazing food, the company, all of it was amazing! Definitely will be coming back and hopefully attending the next dinner!"

The evening's menu, which was crafted by Julie and Carly, included Corn Chowder, Sourdough Focaccia, Pumpkin Cornbread, Harvest Kale Salad, Winter Squash Lasagna, Tarragon Carrots and Rustic Apple Pie with Cinnamon Caramel Sauce.

Goldberry Woods' monthly gatherings have brought people together to savor the flavors and spirit of each season in Harbor Country. The final 2024 event, a Winter Solstice Celebration Saturday, Dec. 14, will feature the timeliness tradition of Wassailing the Trees and food, drinks and other nature inspired winter traditions.

For more information about Goldberry Woods' events and offerings, visit www.goldberrywoods.com/experiences or email experiences@goldberrywoods.com. — STAFF REPORTS

No bond for hiding fugitive stuck in hole

BY STAN MADDUX

A La Porte man was still being held without bond Monday, Oct. 7, after law enforcement officers with warrants for his arrest fished him out of a partially water filled hole in the basement floor where he was hiding.

Austin Eldred, 23, made his initial appearance Friday, Oct. 4, in La Porte Circuit Court on a charge of resisting law enforcement and other counts for previous crimes.

According to court documents, La Porte Police Officers on the night of Sept. 30 went to a home in the 400 block of G Street to arrest Eldred on felony warrants after receiving information about his possible whereabouts.

Police said officers on the main level of the home threatened to release a K9 if he didn't come out.

Officers made their way to the basement to try and find Eldred when he began yelling from the bottom of a sump pump well that he was "stuck and unable to crawl out," police said.

Police said the well was six to seven feet deep.

According to police, blocks made of foam were placed into the well for Eldred to use as stairs.

Officers helped lift him out of the well about 15 minutes later once he made his way close enough to the floor's surface.

According to police, the dirty and wet Eldred was escorted outside in handcuffs where he broke loose from officers.

He was running down the street and yelling that he needed to take a shower, police said.

Eldred was soon grabbed and placed on the ground, though, where additional restraints were secured around his ankles, police said.

In June, Eldred was given a 540 day jail sentence for possession of a narcotic drug, according to court records.

He was allowed to serve his time with La Porte County Community Corrections, with his whereabouts on the outside monitored by a satellite tracking device around his ankle.

According to court documents, the arrest warrants involved petitions to revoke his placement in the program on allegations he twice failed to return to lawful detention within the program's required time period.

As a result, Eldred is also facing a level 5 felony charge of escape, which could bring him another one to six years of incarceration.

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School of American Music concert to feature double strung harpist

Cindy Shelhart will be performing a concert of traditional, historical, and original music for double-strung harp in a School of American Music free family concert at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 14280 Red Arrow Highway in Harbert.

Admission to the concert is free, but a food item donation is requested for Neighbor by Neighbor, a nonprofit connecting vulnerable residents of southwest Berrien County with resources and services. Donations of pull-tab cans of soups, stews, tuna, ravioli, spaghetti or anything that is easy to heat are requested.

An international expert on double-strung harp, Shelhart is a performing artist, composer and educator. She has released two full-length albums, has written top-selling harp music books, and teaches online from her Chesterton, Indiana studio. She also provides music for special events.

"It is always a treat to attend a concert with an artist who is truly in love with her instrument and who has taken the time to thoroughly understand its history, mechanics and literature," SAM Executive Director Donna Mitchell said.

The nonprofit School of American Music (SAM) provides education, performance, and audience opportunities in music in the Southwest Michigan area. The SAM Family Concert Series is made possible by a grant from the Pokagon Fund and donations to the school, and by Episcopal Church of the Mediator providing the venue.

For more information, contact SAM at 269-409-1191 or schoolofamericanmusic@gmail.com or visit School of American Music on Facebook or the website www.schoolofamericanmusic.com. — STAFF REPORT

Celebrating 'love' for your neighbor at Neighbor By Neighbor fundraiser

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Guests to The Acorn Center of the Performing Arts got pumped up about helping their fellow southwestern Michigan neighbors by listening to Meagan McNeal crooning some tunes at Neighbor by Neighbor's "Do It With Love" fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 5.

The singer, songwriter and recording artist from Chicago has appeared on NBC's "The Voice" and landed on the team of Grammy award-winning artist Jennifer Hudson.

"I hope what you hear about the good work of Neighbor By Neighbor will also get you excited and pump you up because it does for me," Jay Fast, secretary of the Neighbor by Neighbor Board of Directors, said.

For the past seven years, Neighbor by Neighbor has helped almost 1,800 neighbors in our community, with its reach spanning from New Buffalo to Bridgman and including New Troy and Galien.

So far this year, Neighbor by Neighbor has provided almost $90,000 in financial assistance, which has helped with facilities, rent, emergency shelter and car and home repairs.

"Our mission is to serve those living at or below 225 percent of the poverty level - this includes seniors on fixed incomes, people with disabilities, the working poor, people experiencing homelessness and food insecurities," Fast said, adding that several clients are below that level.

This year, the organization has helped over 750 people, with 200 of them being new clients.

Some clients need food every month. Others need a car repaired, so they can get to work to support their families. Some need their home repaired, so they can "stay safely housed," Fast said.

"Independence can look differently for different people but respect and care for our neighbors is something we can provide in these forms," Fast said.

More on Neighbor By Neighbor can be found at www.neighborbyneighbor.org.

Meagan McNeal (left) sings with her band onstage at The Acorn

Jay Fast, secretary on the Neighbor by Neighbor Board, gives an update on the organization

Meagan McNeal takes the stage at The Acorn

Meagan McNeal interacts with the audience at The Acorn

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Chamber's 'growth' celebrated at annual dinner, meeting

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

The Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce's 2023-2024 fiscal year was a year of "growth" for the organization, Kimberlee Wendt, the chamber's executive director, said at chamber's annual dinner and meeting at The Woodlands Course at Whittaker in New Buffalo Thursday, Oct. 3.

"I have had the honor to work with you for over eight years and I can tell you, this growth is unprecedented - it is the new spring of our organization and the horizons have just expanded beyond what I have ever seen," she said.

For the first time in the chamber's 43-year history, a community was added to the original eight towns: Bridgman, which was added in January.

"We embraced the beloved community of Bridgman to be a part of the trademark name - with its commonality of experiences, charm and big culture, it is an easy fit," Wendt said.

The communities of New Buffalo, Union Pier, Grand Beach, Michiana, Lakeside, Harbert, Bridgman, Three Oaks and Sawyer are listed on Google, Wikipedia and VRBO as Harbor Country.

Wendt said that, when HGTV listed the community of Lakeside last week as the most expensive neighborhood in Michigan, they designated it as located in "Harbor Country."

"As members, you are the building blocks to make these claims to fame possible," she said.

Currently, the chamber has more than 465 members.

Last fiscal year, Wendt said Harbor Country "attracted a record number of new businesses," with the chamber having performed a record 12 ribbon cuttings.

She said the chamber has a "rock solid" financial foundation, and urged members to look at the financial report that was prepared by John Quackenbush, board treasurer. As a result, the chamber is currently exploring grant opportunity options for Harbor Country placemaking and partnerships with other organizations.

Per the chamber's social media report, Wendt said the Harbor Country® website has 58,000 users. Distribution of the annual Harbor Country Guide has been expanded to include more locations in Chicago, South Bend and farmers markets beyond the southwestern Michigan area.

To "further strengthen our solid social media brand," Wendt said the chamber has contracted with a social media professional, who's familiar with Harbor Country and produces her own blog.

In two weeks, the chamber will launch the "Coast In" campaign, a visitor campaign that involves mass distribution of beverage coasters in Chicagoland, South Bend and Harbor Country that features a QR link code to a visitor promotion on harborcountry.org "promoting experience ideas in Harbor Country® for the next six months."

Harbor Country merchandise is also on the horizon, as Wendt said the chamber will be launching a "quality line of coffee travel mugs" soon.

Ronald Sorce, director of sales and catering at Four Winds Resort New Buffalo, accepts the Largest Economic Impact award from Kimberlee Wendt

Madison Sutherland provides live entertainment

Melanie Owen of O & Co, accepts the Most Outstanding Young Entrepreneur award from Kimberlee Wendt

The 2024-2025 chamber board of directors takes the oath of office

Chamber members enjoy dinner at The Woodlands Course at Whittaker

Guests enjoy cocktails during the social hour

Guests lounge at The Woodlands Course at Whittaker

Outgoing board president David McNabb (right) hands the gavel to incoming president John Bonkoske

Jen Thompson (right), executive director of Chikaming Open Lands, accepts the Most Community Minded Business award from Kimberlee Wendt

The chamber is also researching ways for its members to "co-logo" with them on promotional items.

The Harbor Country Economic Committee is also continuing ways to promote growth in the chamber and the surrounding area.

"The Harbor Country Economic Committee is discussing with local municipalities how to cohesively address the very real needs here and build a relationship with our neighbors to the south, who will bring new workers as the new plants rise up in New Carlisle," Wendt said.

The 2024-2025 Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is John Bonkoske, president; Jessica Nance of Red Arrow Roasters, vice chair; Colleen Neubauer, secretary; John Quackenbush, treasurer; David McNabb of Edward Jones, director; Rachel Watkins of Fifth Third Bank, director; Erika Milovich of Bluefish Vacation Rentals, director and Justin Fredrickson of Gather All Day, director.

Bonkoske, who said he's worked 35 years in the business world in health care, said that "Harbor Country is our home and our focus is on making it stronger."

"The goal in all of this is you, our members: our attention to you, our assistance for you and our presence to help you collaborate is our backbone of any good chamber," he said.

Bonkoske added that the chamber also will look to members for their "ideas and to encourage us with your opinions - good, bad and ugly... It's the only way to be truly successful."

"This two way street philosophy will bring more members into the fold, create even greater inner activity and propagate a valuable proposition of features and benefits for member who join us versus those who don't... This effectively creates a thriving business community in the future and, with this momentum, we can delve into further degrees of economic development - one that even more solidly secures our future, or thrivingness, if you will," he said.

Winners of the 2024-2025 member voted awards, which recognize the contributions of three fellow members in Harbor Country, were "Most Community Minded Business in Harbor Country," Chikaming Open Lands; "Most Outstanding Young Entrepreneur," Melanie Owen of O & Co. Bridgman and "Largest Economic Impact in Harbor Country," Four Winds Casino and Resort New Buffalo.

New downtown mural celebrated in La Porte

BY STAN MADDUX

It's not just another brick wall but one described now as uplifting and having character.

A mural on the side of the historic La Porte County Public Library Exchange building was the focus of a celebration Friday, Oct. 4, in the outdoor Wi-Fi Garden at the main library branch across the street from it.

"How can you not drive by or walk by and just smile," said La Porte City Councilwoman Julie West.

"The beauty of this you can see blocks away," said former mayor Mark Krentz, who used to be for a long time in the business of buying and selling art.

Krentz said he was impressed with the mural's bright colors and the seemingly 3-D dimensions that make it appear as if "you can just walk into it."

The library working with the Lubeznik Center for the Arts in Michigan City and Health Foundation of La Porte ordered the futuristic looking mural as a way of reflecting the modern things now happening inside the building once firmly anchored in the past.

For decades, the over century old building often referred to as the "The Telephone Co." housed switchboard operators.

The operators manually connected people with each other on telephone calls until dial up phones forced the company out of business.

The library was purchased and renovated by the library, which opened it in 2020.

There's now modern technology inside like 3-D printers, laser cutters along with studios for recording podcasts and videos for use by the public.

La Porte County Public Library Board President Dara Jeffries said she thinks of the mural as a source of happiness and something to go see when her spirit needs a lift during long period when the sun doesn't shine or when the weather becomes dreary like in February.

"Free therapy," she said.

The mural in a highly traveled area on Indiana Avenue just south of Lincolnway is also favorable to people wanting visitors to leave with an even better impression of the city from seeing it.

"We're bringing beauty, color, joy and happiness to our downtown," said Mayor Tom Dermody.

The mural was created by Alex Allen, a professional from South Bend.

The 30 year old Allen seemed overjoyed by the positive reaction to her artwork using strictly cans of spray paint and frog tape to create the straight lines contained in her abstract image.

Allen, who has made about 180 murals in her career, called the celebration "a huge honor."

"It makes me feel happy and very welcomed here," she said.

The public response to her work included a job to create another mural downtown at Mucho Mas, a California-style Mexican restaurant in the 600 block of Lincolnway.

Allen said she began working last week on the tropical themed mural containing lots of bright colors and images of plants, flowers and butterflies to reflect the type of food prepared there for customers.

She expects to be finished by the end of next week on what will be the third mural in La Porte.

In 2019, the first one depicting life in La Porte and images of impactful residents since the city's early beginnings went up beside at Plaza 618, an outdoor gathering place also in the downtown.

Mayor Tom Dermody said other murals are planned as a way of adding more character to downtown and quality of life in the city.

"It's just very cool for people to enjoy, to see when they're walking with their families," he said.

West said she also hopes La Porte becomes a stop for people who travel to see murals.

"I'm thrilled that we're moving forward with more murals because I think it just beautifies our city even more," she said.

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ARIES MARCH 21—APRIL 19

It may appear that this week is filled with other people's issues and feelings, but in fact, the truth is you will learn more about who you really are and what your expectations are, through someone else's experience. This is an opportunity for you to get more in touch with your own issues and life scrips.

TAURUS APRIL 20—MAY 20

Your energy levels will be up this week, giving you the stamina to tackle complicated projects that require creative thinking. Your ability to see all the possible outcomes and your staying power will ensure that the projects you start now will be carried to completion. Stay on track Bull. You will win.

GEMINI MAY 21—JUNE 21

We are entering a very romantic and creative period for Gemini. This is the time to break away from the crowd and focus on those that matter most. By nurturing those closest to you, you ultimately open up the space for you to receive love and affection. It is a circle; it all comes back.

CANCER JUNE 22—JULY 22

Lively conversations, home cooked meals, and warm hearts are on the docket this week. You will have no problem opening your home to friends and loved ones now. Sharing your feelings, along with that apple crisp, will help you feel more connected to your loved ones. It's time to reconnect.

LEO JULY 23—AUGUST 22

It will seem like people are really pushing your buttons, this week. They will force you out of your comfort zone and bring your attention to how you are not putting enough value on the abilities you possess. There may be things you are doing, perhaps unknowingly, that are devaluing your gifts.

VIRGO AUGUST 23—SEPTEMBER 22

Finances will even out this week, giving you the chance to relax and enjoy some "me time". Having a predictable work schedule will also give you a chance to spend time with family and friends. In addition to spending time with others, this is also a good time to start a creative writing project.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23—OCTOBER 22

Libra isn't one to put too much into feelings and fluffy stuff, but emotions are what drives us. All operations in the body run on feelings. Without feelings, we wouldn't know when we are in danger, or when things are bad for us. Honor your feelings, good or bad, you have them for a reason.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 21

More stress is the last thing you need and holding on to people or places that no longer contribute to your growth or wellbeing, will only continue to be a source of anxiety. It is not necessary to create a fight or hurt people to end relationships. Hold your head high and move on with respect.

SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22—DECEMBER 21

Don't limit yourself in order to fit in or be liked by others. Sagittarius has a way of seeing the truth, when others cannot. You may not want to bring the party down, but someone has to tell it like it is, and that my friend, is you. Be honest and honor your ability to see the big picture

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 19

Your professional and public sectors are being highlighted this week. Your talents and abilities will be recognized by not only your peers, but higher ups, as well. If looking for the right niche to share your gifts or create a solid group with which to expand in, you will have no problem.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20—FEBRUARY 18

It's manifesting time. Be mindful of the things you focus on now, as your ability to bring ideas into the physical are at an all-time high. The creative energies of the universe are ready to bring forth all our desires, good or bad. So, it is important to practice mindfulness. Use the force for good.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19—MARCH 20

Relationships could bring up some complicated feelings. What appears to be the cause to others, may not have anything to do with why you are feeling the way you do. Know that your path will be illuminated as you work through complex issues. Talk things through, instead of blowing it off.

I'm the one human that doesn't concern myself with tomorrow or what happened yesterday. — *George M. Kruege*

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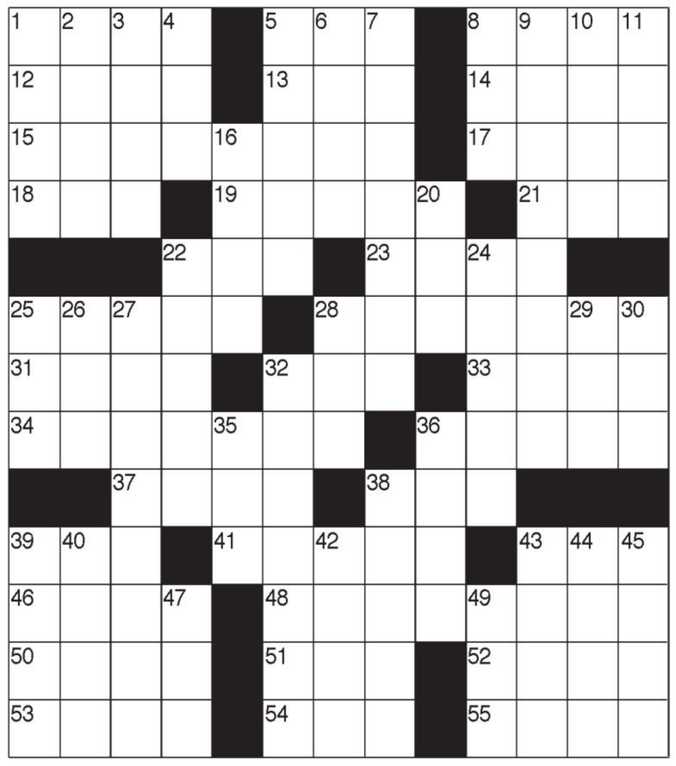

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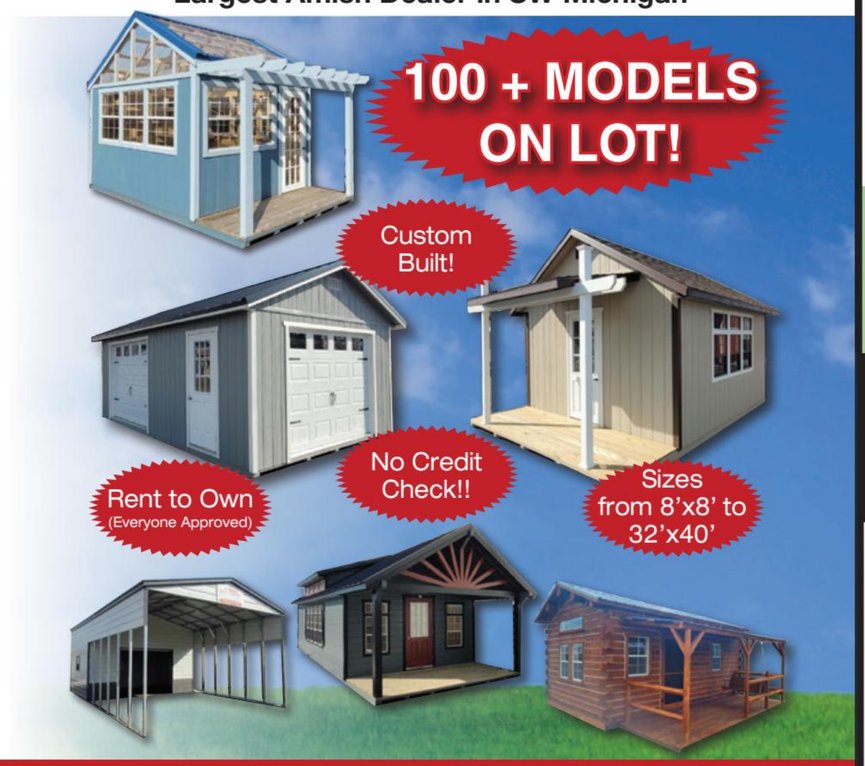

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Manufacturer plans to expand

BY STAN MADDUX

A La Porte manufacturing company has been given an incentive to move forward with plans to expand its operations.

The La Porte City Council on Monday, Oct. 7, granted tax abatement on a close to $7 million expansion proposed at B & B Manufacturing.

A projected 13 jobs would be added at the company, which now employs just over 100 people, said Eric Nelson, Workforce Development Coordinator at the La Porte Economic Advancement Partnership.

Nelson said plans call for 50,000 square feet of space to be added to the existing operation on Fail Road on the city's east side.

B & B Manufacturing is a longtime maker and distributor of timing belt pulleys roller chain sprockets, gears, idlers and other customs and standard made products for the power transmission and precision mechanical component industries.

"They've come to a point where they're ready to expand," he said.

B & B Manufacturing President Richard Talbert said major contractors locally are currently being invited to submit bids on the construction.

Construction will begin once a bid is accepted for the project.

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Eddie is a old and a scruffy 15-pound Jack Russell Terrier mix, and he's smart as a whip. He knows how to come when called, how to lay down, and also knows when you clap your hands to jump in your arms. Eddie is neutered and his vaccinations are up-to-date. He's quite social when it comes to other pets, and has lived with goats, chickens, cats, and dogs. Eddie is a happy, comical boy when he is comfortable in a home. Eddie does like some calmness, has some some indoor accidents, but loves rides in cars. Eddie will let you know you know when he naps, as he's already napping. After running around a lot, naps are in order.

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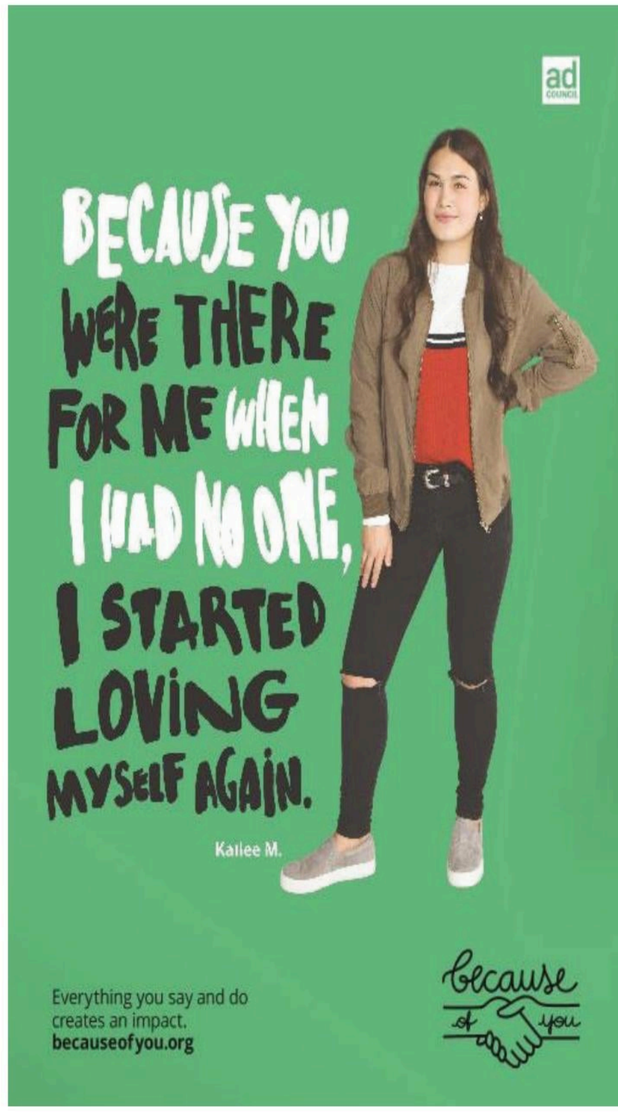
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MHS throws celebration down on the farm at 'Fur Ball'

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

A down-on-the-farm celebration that raised funds for the between 800 to 1,000 animals that will be cared for this year at Michiana Humane Society (MHS) was held at The White Oak Farm Venue - Poplar Barn in Michigan City during MHS' "Fur Ball" Friday, Oct. 4.

Currently, the shelter, which is a 501(c)3 non for profit organization with a $1 million budget, has about 100 animals in its care.

"We take animals that have no other place to go - people bring them to us because we will make them better and we will get them a home," MHS Executive Director Johanna Humbert said.

MHS has a veterinarian, Dr. Johanna Nimeth, who comes into the shelter three days a week.

Guests could bid on a variety of live and silent auction items, enjoy a spread of macaroni and cheese, wood fired pizza and desserts and participate in a line dancing lesson from Sunset Coast Country Dancers.

A furry guest was also present: Darla, an 8-year-old pit bull who was found after surviving a collapsed building in Gary, Indiana, and is now at MHS.

Humbert shared the story of another rescue: Rocco, who had been tied to a tree outside the shelter by his owner after he was told that MHS didn't have a place.

When it was discovered that Rocco couldn't use his back legs, staff and volunteers contacted Paws In Motion in Valparaiso, which makes carts for dogs who can't walk. Volunteers also put together a PBC temporary cart for Rocco who "took off across the grass" the moment he was placed in it. When Rocco was fitted with his brand new, custom made wheels from Paws In Motion, Humbert said it was as though "he'd been on wheels his whole life."

That afternoon, a woman came into the shelter for Rocco.

"She wanted to meet him and they did very well together - and she filled out an application to adopt him,' Humbert said.

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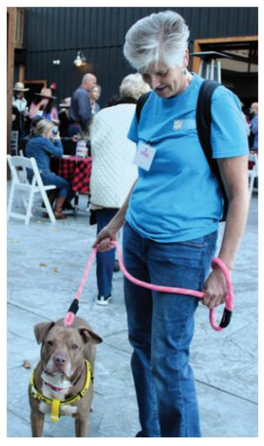
Guests view one of the raffle items, a Pedego Element V2 Fat Tire Electric Bike

Emcee Joey DiMaggio welcomes guests

Katelyn Cygal and Carmen Campbell

Kathy Luetkemeyer and Sam Duthoy



Karen Haasen hangs out with the adoptable Darla

MHS Executive Director Johanna Humbert gives a shelter update

Jack Whittle provides the live entertainment

Julia Hoham, Connie Collins, Laura Scheller and Deb Campbell

Guests take a lesson in line dancing

Guests at an event sponsor table for Rolling Embers

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